

Schuylkill Arsenal, Building No. 1A
(Commandant's House, Executive Officers'
Quarters)
2620 Gray's Ferry Avenue, at northwest
corner of Peltz Street
Philadelphia
Philadelphia County
Pennsylvania

HABS No. PA-1540 B

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE	COUNTY	TOWN OR VICINITY
PENNSYLVANIA	PHILADELPHIA	PHILADELPHIA
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME)		HABS NO.
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SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Commandant's House; Executive Officers' Quarters		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 2620 Gray's Ferry Ave., at NW cor. of Peltz St.		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)	
1802		
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) An early example of a U.S. Army Commandant's House. Demolished in 1962.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Red brick, Flemish bond.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Approx. 50' (five-bay front) X 24' with two-story side wing; three-and-a-half stories on raised basement.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE First floor elevated porch on south (front) elevation; entrance frontispiece arched and recessed with leaded glass fanlight, paneled underside and pilasters; three-part cornice (cove, box and molded); large brick end chimneys; hipped roof; arched third floor windows with brick trim		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) First and second floor stairs: Open string, open newel type with turned balusters painted white (three per step) and mahogany ramped handrail; small pilasters and moldings along wall; wooden "fancy-work" at string ends. First floor fireplace: wooden surround with central paneled entablature and side fluted pilasters.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Side wing added later.		
PRESENT CONOITION AND USE		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Webster, Richard. Philadelphia Preserved. Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 1976 . Historic American Buildings Survey, Architect's Worksheet		
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